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SUBJECT: AIR FORCE PROGRAM CHANGES

1. US AIR FORCE WISHES TO MAKE A NEWS RELEASE ON UNIT
MOVES AS INDICATED BELOW. THE TWO RF-4C SQUADRON MOVES
WERE FLAGGED FOR NATO IN DPQ-74. THE F-5E INCREASES ARE
A PART OF COMBAT IMPROVEMENTS UNDER NUNN AMENDMENT. RE-
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QUEST YOU NOTIFY WASHINGTON AND ALL INFO ADDRESSEES AS
SOON AS YOU HAVE NOTIFIED APPROPRIATE UK AUTHORITIES.

2. THE FOLLOWING TEXT MAY BE RELEASED TO UK ON PROGRAMMING

ACTIONS AS THEY RELATE TO ALCONBURY AB: QUOTE: IN KEEPING WITH OUR FORCE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW THAT WE PLAN TO WITHDRAW TWO OF THE RF-4C SQUADRONS FROM RAF ALCONBURY, ONE IN JANUARY 1976 AND ONE IN APRIL 1976. THESE TWO SQUADRONS WILL RETURN TO THE US LEAVING ONE RF-4C SQUADRON AT ALCONBURY. IN APRIL 1976, WE PLAN TO INTRODUCE A SQUADRON OF F-5E AIRCRAFT AT ALCONBURY. THE PRIMARY PEACETIME MISSION OF THIS NEW SQUADRON WILL BE TO CONDUCT AIR COMBAT TACTICS TRAINING FOR FIGHTER AIRCRAFT OF OTHER UNITS. WE ARE CONSIDERING OTHER ACTIONS WHICH COULD AFFECT THE BASE LOADING AT ALCONBURY BEYOND THOSE MOVEMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS OUR PLANS PROGRESS. SINCE THIS

ACTION WILL BE OF INTEREST TO THE NEWS MEDIA, WE PROPOSE A JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RF-4C AND F-5E MOVES ON OR ABOUT 22 AUGUST 1975 FROM OASD/PA AND THIRD AIR FORCE/O1. THE PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT, AND RESPONSE TO QUERIES WILL BE COORDINATED WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, US EMBASSY, LONDON, USCINCEUR AND USAF. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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